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Dear Hal,

I wish my typing were as legible as your writing! Thanks for your 5/31 and its enclosures. I've laid the longer ones aside to read later so I can get responses to today's mail out in the morning.

Is Walt Brown the one who wrote the book about an Oswald trial? Former FBI SA, now school teacher? Whoever he is, I hope you can do it for you. And the only recent B & W picture of me is with Ed. All those who take ~~me~~ pictures now use color. Maybe one of the college took when we got those honorary degrees is b & w. I'm with others in them.

Someone gave me Eason's Ashville address. I also wrote him.

Thanks for taking the time for all those reviews. Hope one makes it!

What makes you think "olt is a fan of mine? Her mention, with an "alleged" not used when the Posners are reviewed? I think she did not read the book and that Charlie Winton, of Publishers Group West, which is the distributor and has been in touch with her before, may have spoken to her. I may write her.

Lifton goes more and more for the absolutely impossible. There is no reason even to suspected what is obviously some kind of artifact, is part of his skull.

I do not remember Trask. Put aside to read later. But on Zapruder, after the assassination, after he knew JFK was dead, he told the Secret Service the shots came from the knoll. What he is quoted on is what he testified to.

I'm not inclined to believe that Posner became a friend of Jackie's. Meaning I do not believe it.

The comments on Case Open are steady, not numerous any one day, but all like it and thank me for doing it. I've done one talk show, to a Eugene, Oregon station, and a week from today I do one with the Pacifica DE station.

No reporter or reviewer has phoned or written me after about six weeks.

No word from Posner, RH or their lawyer, either.

Thanks and best,

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Dear Harold:

I usually send you a typed letter but it is very late now and I didn't want to upset my neighbors who may be sleeping and they could be disturbed by my typing. I do write legibly enough so that shouldn't be a problem and I wanted to send you the enclosed items plus discuss a few points which I think you should be made aware of.

First, I've just written to Walt Brown and I've asked him if it is at all possible for him to get to see you & conduct a TV interview for my program. As I indicated to him I need to have the interview in my hands no later than July 12th (possibly the 19th) so that I can air it on the Cable show I'll be doing the first program being shown on July 21st. From then on & through August, 1995 I will be doing live shows interviewing guests on the third Thursday evening of each month from 9 to 10 pm (S.F. time).

Towards this first show would you be able to send me a photo of yourself (black & white preferred) so the producers can use it for the program?

I gave Walt a list of questions to ask you & I said that it should be about 40 to 45 minutes induration. Because of station breaks longer interviews may not be the best way.

If it works out that we can't have you on our first (July) show we'll consider other dates or there is time for that but I do think it important to have you appear first.

Now, on contacts here to try to get you on radio: I wrote to Jim Fason (who now operates out of North Carolina). I've heard nothing from him & by this time he probably ~~is~~ he won't answer. As for KPFA I called but didn't follow up - I'll follow up on this real soon.

You may be interested in knowing that I sent eleven different reviews of your book "Case Open" to various papers & magazines. So far the results are - one rejection, two alternative papers haven't replied but their latest issues did not contain my reviews. If they do not have it in their next issue they most likely won't. I'm not surprised because these alternative newspapers never put anything of serious value on the assassination in. They always turn down what I send them. On the remaining seven reviews I sent out, three are devoted to assassination issues solely & they should publish them but this will take time. I will send you copies if they print them.

I'm working on completing three or four more reviews of your book to send to magazines devoted solely to the assassination. One is an English journal & they asked me to send them anything I do. I met some fine English researchers who are very aware of your work (I met them in Dallas last year). One of them is a policeman & has a very sharp eye for detail.

You'll note that in the enclosed articles there's the 5/28/99 Patricia Holt (S.F. Chronicle book reviewer) who mentions your book "Case Open". This is the only reference to your book in any book review section I'd keep abreast of most of them. What I intend doing is sending her a review of your book by ~~myself~~ myself & see if she'll print it. She seems to be a "fan" of yours!

On the items enclosed, there are a few things I'd like to note. The Posner stuff needs no further explanation but you should be aware of it so they're for you to keep. On the "Probe" copies I enclosed - these are valuable for the info contained on Board members of the review panel. On the "10 TOP REASONS WHY OSWALD ACTED AS A CASE" - it was Paul Hock who gave me that. I'd like to issue a reply but no time for now. Let me know what you think of it. The Moorman photo which Lefton claims he can "see" a "patch" on shoulder which, says Lefton, is a head fragment! I totally disagree!

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On the three Richard Trask reviewed items enclosed (item 1) is all the references to you in Trask's book, "Pictures of the Pain"; item 2) is the chapter on the DCA film & you should be aware of this & 3) deals with Simulas whom Trask believes to a fraud).

I'm still checking on footnote references to you in Trask's book & if you need that I'll send you the complete footnote listing of all references to you. By the way should you want to write to Trask his full name & address is =

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Trask's book is subtitled "PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY". I'm in the process of reading it now. It's 638 pages long & very well documented. Trask doesn't believe in conspiracy - thinks the critics are all wet about the evidence but he does provide quotes from people who don't buy the Warren Report. For example, Dallas is quoted as saying he still thinks the shot (or shots) came from the knoll.

Another very interesting thing which Trask has in his book has to do with a reporter's "unattributed notes within the records of the Dallas Times Herald". The

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reporter apparently spoke to Zapruder after the ass'n & prior to the announcement of JFK's death (which puts the time constraint of less than 1 hour. He quotes Zapruder as "heard 3 shots // after first one Pres slumped over grabbed stomach --- hit in stomach --- two more shots ---". You'll note that Z says after first shot, Pres. K. "slumped over". What does this ~~do~~ do to the Posner "first shot missed" scenario?

At first, I thought this could be Harry McCormick of the Dallas Morning News but since Trask says it was in the "Herald" records it can't be him but could I be wrong about this. Maybe "the reporter" (whoever that is) is quoting McCormick who could've been standing next to him. Sityman did say she spoke to two "well dressed" gentlemen she presumed were Secret Service but as you once wrote me you said McCormick interviewed her shortly after the shots were fired. Perhaps only McCormick can tell who was with him at the time. I don't know but if you have any clues, let me know.

~~you~~ you also asked me to get Prof. David Kennedy's <sup>of STANFORD</sup> full address & when I visit the library I'll forward it to you. (He's the one "outraged" on the Pulitzer awards).

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And, finally, to close out this letter - a friend of mine called me + said that the S.F. Chronicle for Saturday, May 21, 1924 had an article in which Cosner's ~~name~~ name came up with reference to Mrs. Kennedy's death. The article said that Cosner had become "a friend" of Mrs. K. Unfortunately, my friend threw away the paper & I never got around to obtaining a copy. Had ~~you~~ you heard of this - is there anything to this? And what - if it's true - is he seeing her about? Do we have another Manchester on our hands??!!

Well, take care. Hope the stuff enclosed will be enjoyed.

I'll write you soon again.

Best,  
Hal Ver